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1. TURKISH LOCKHEED AFFAIR WARMED UP DURING PAST WEEK
WITH A SPATE OF PRESS CONFERENCES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

2. ON DECEMBER 27, CHAIRMAN OF THE DEMO-
CRATIC PARTY FERRUH BOZBEYLI HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE IN
ANKARA IN WHICH HE CHARGED THAT TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAD
SIGNED BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON LOCKHEED DOCUMENTS WITH THE
U.S. TO COVER UP CORRUPTION AND IRREGULARITIES IN LOCKHEED
AFFAIR AND TO ESCAPE TURKISH PARLIAMENTARY
SUPERVISION. HE ALLEGED THAT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO
DEPARTMENTS OF JUSTICE EMPHASIZED SECRECY AND WAS MADE "IN
ORDER NOT TO RELAY INFORMATION TO THE PARLIAMENT". HE SAID
THAT "IN COUNTRIES WHERE DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS FUNCTION",
LOCKHEED INVESTIGATIONS HAD BEEN RAPIDLY AND SUCCESSFULLY
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CONCLUDED BUT THAT IN TURKEY NO INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN MADE
AND NO RESULTS OBTAINED.

3. ON DECEMBER 26, DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF JUSTICE
PARTY IHSAN ATA OV CHARGED IN MANISA PRESS CON-
FERENCE THAT RPP LEADER ECEVIT WAS IMPLICATED IN

LOCKHEED AFFAIR BECAUSE ORDERS FOR AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN CASE HAD BEEN PLACED DURING PERIOD IN WHICH THE ECEVIT GOVERNMENT HELD POWER. HE SAID THAT IT WAS ON ECEVIT'S ORDERS THAT DELEGATIONS WERE SENT TO ITALY (WHERE THE F-104-S AIRCRAFT WERE MANUFACTURED BY LOCKHEED'S ITALIAN SUBSIDIARY, AIRITALIA) AND THE AIRCRAFT PURCHASED.

4. IN ANOTHER ANKARA PRESS CONFERENCE ON DECEMBER 22 YILMAS ALPASLAN (RPP), CHAIRMAN OF THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSION INVESTIGATING CASE, ANNOUNCED THAT THE COMMISSION HAD DECIDED, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF FULL GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, TO SEND SIX OF ITS MEMBERS TO THE US TO OBTAIN INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS WHICH HAVE NOT YET REACHED TURKEY. THE SIX DEPUTIES, TWO EACH FROM THE JP AND THE RPP AND ONE EACH FROM THE NSP AND THE DP ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- A. GUNHIZ MANKUT (JP)
- B. EKREM DIKMEN (DP)
- C. KEMAL OKYAY (RPP)
- D. KADRI EYUBOGLU (RPP)
- E. HAYRETTIN NAKIBOGLU (JP)
- F. FEHMI CUMALIOGLU (NSP)

TO DATE THE GNA HAS NOT APPROVED THE TRIP. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT THERE IS SOME OPPOSITION TO IT IN THE PARLIAMENT. MEANWHILE, DURING GNA DEBATE ON QUESTION, ALPASLAN IS REPORTED TO HAVE CLAIMED THAT IT WAS CERTAIN THAT LOCKHEED DISTRIBUTED BRIBES IN TURKEY. (WE ARE COMPLYING BIO DATA TO BE SENT SEPTEL ON MEMBERS OF THE GROUP TO VISIT US SHOULD GNA APPROVAL BE FORTHCOMING.)

5. COMMENT: WE HAVE EARLIER EXPRESSED MISGIVINGS (REFTEL) LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF INCREASING IRRESPONSIBILITY WITH WHICH TURKISH POLITICAL ANTAGONISTS COULD MAKE USE OF LOCKHEED TO EMBARRASS OPPONENTS AS BUILDUP TO ELECTION PROGRESSES. FOREGOING WOULD APPEAR TO BE UNFORTUNATE MANIFESTATION OF THIS TENDENCY. MACOMBER

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